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PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending February 17, 2007, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growi houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 m decreased 2.7% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, an decrease of 0.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.9 million for the week ending February 10, 2007 compared to 11.3 million slaughter during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
12/23/06	14,302	13,219	11,844	11,317	12,029	11,835
12/30/06	14,191	13,673	11,857	11,200	11,857	10,982
01/06/07	14,050	13,928	11,885	11,349	11,888	11,352
01/13/07	14,155	13,669	11,874	10,880	11,959	11,147
01/20/07	13,948	13,526	11,774	11,318	11,861	11,319
01/27/07	13,860	13,537	11,653	11,503	11,653	11,502
02/03/07	13,768	13,079	11,731	11,270	11,734	11,251
02/10/07	13,553	13,925	11,611	11,217	11,696	11,167
02/17/07	14,053	13,964	11,495	11,182	11,497	11,182

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	02/25/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.96	74.91	69.60	57.17
12-City Composite 2/	78.21	75.06	70.59	63.59